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Subject - Homicide, New Brunswick, N.J.  
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January 4th & 5th, 1923. Interviewed Mr. Mills and Charlotte at their home, and the following is the additional information which I secured -

Mr. Mills said that while he was reading the paper he noticed that the page was cut out and later on he saw that page on Mr. Hall's desk in the study at the Church. That on Friday night he took it to his home - While there he showed me the copy of this missing page, and showed the date of September 14, 1922; an edition of the "New York World, pages 23 and 24 - On one side it referred to the Kimona story; on the other side it referred to Lawn Tennis. The other clippings which he claims to have seen up there he could not find.

Mr. Mills further informed me that during the time Mrs. Mills was at the hospital that there were some letters stolen from the house - letters written by Mr. Hall to Mrs. Mills - He would not go into details as to what the conditions were of the letters, but lead me to believe that the reason they were taken was for the purpose of preventing him from securing any information that was in those letters. If this statement of his is correct, I would not be a bit surprised that he was reading Mrs. Mill's letters and notes.

Mr. Mills also told me that he worked for about twenty years on cutting lasts for shoes - One of the places where he was employed, was a shoe factory at Atlantic & Schenectady Aves, Brooklyn, N.Y. - He would teach some of the Cutters.

Mr. Mills still maintains that at no time did he and his wife quarrel that they got along perfectly well. He said he has no use for the Bernhardt, in fact, he suspects that it was the Bernhardt's who stole the letters which were written by Mr. Hall to Mrs. Mills, at the time of the operation.

While I was there, Mills also commented on the notes which were found near the bodies, and he said, "If you read them over, it would show



Mr. Mills said that he had to give up the job as Sexton of the Church for the reason that it was too much work for him. He said that the people at the the Church know who committed this crime.

I could not get Charlotte in any conversation, for the reason that her father was around.

Mr. Mills further said that he is not on friendly terms with Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Opie, and his reasons for being angry with both of them is that they both said that he and his wife quarrelled constantly. He said the only way to shut Mrs. Opie's mouth was for somebody to tell her if she knew that Mr. Hall and Mrs. Mills were meeting or that there appeared to be a close friendship between them, why did she allow them to use her telephone and carry on an affair of this kind.

Mrs. Opie informed me that there were constant quarrels between Mills and his wife, and they complained many times of not getting enough to eat, that Jim Mills was very tight on money matters - That recently Charlotte complained to her that Jim Mills had struck her and been violent to her. She also told me that she considered Jim Mills the type of man who is ready with a joke, and that he was not a fool, that the books that he read were good conservative books. But with all this she seems to think that the Hall family are the ones that could give the information to clean up this murder.

I also received from Charlotte, the following typewritten note, which was written to Miss North: -

"Dear Madam: -

I do not know whether the following information in regard to the Hall-Mills case is new to you or whether it is worth anything, but I offer it for what it is. I have heard that Dr. Hall's watch which the Police have been looking for, has been in the Hall home all the time, that it was broken



several days before the murders, and was not worn out by him on that night. According to my information this was told to a servant in the Hall home to a maid in the home of another New Brunswick family. For obvious reasons I do not sign my name."

I might state that before speaking to Jim Mills, I tried to get a statement from Mrs. Kelly, but found that she was not at home. In the evening while engaged in conversation with Mr. Mills, Mrs. Kelly came to the door and told Jim Mills to tell Charlotte that she wanted to speak to her. I only say this for the reason that I think Mrs. Kelly wanted to tell Charlotte that there had been somebody to her house making inquiries.